

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A temporary shaft-component connection for assembling a
selected golf club shaft with a club head and/or hand grip segment, to
facilitate custom club design and fitting to suit the needs and preferences of
an individual golfer. The temporary shaft-component connection is
particularly designed for use with nonmetallic club shafts formed from a
graphite-based composite material or the like having a range of different
lengths and stiffness (whip) characteristics. In a shaft-head connection, a
10 metal adapter insert is mounted onto a lower end of the club shaft and
includes one or more flat surfaces for reception into a matingly shaped
socket in the hosel of a selected club head to prevent relative rotation
between the club shaft and head. A compression nut carried on the shaft is
threaded onto the hosel to axially engage and retain a thrust flange on the
15 shaft or adapter or adapter insert, to prevent axial separation of the club
head and shaft.